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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	08/439,095	MATSUI ET AL.
	Examiner Marjorie A. Moran	Art Unit 1631

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 4-6,22 and 25-36 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 4-6,22 and 25-36 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

Sequence Requirements

Applicant's arguments, filed 3/9/06, with regard to the sequence rules, are correct. In view of this, applicant is sincerely thanked for providing a CRF and otherwise complying with the current sequence rules, as it does facilitate full and compete search and examination of the claims. Claims 4-6, 22, and 25-36 are pending. Any objections and rejections set forth in previous office actions and not reiterated below are hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This is a NEW MATTER rejection.

Claim 34 recites a PDGFR protein having a species with molecular weight about 180-185 kD as determined by SDS- polyacrylamide gel, which is new matter. The original claims did not limit the weight of a protein. The originally filed specification, on pages 44 and 51, discloses proteins of 160 and 180 kD, or 180-200 and 165 kD, ALL

determined by Western blotting. Nowhere does the specification teach determining size ONLY by SDS-PAGE, nor does the specification teach any protein which is 180-185 kD. In the response filed 6/12/1998 (with the amendment to claim 34), applicant does not point to support for the newly added limitations. As the originally filed disclosure does not provide support for the new limitations of claim 34, the claim is rejected for reciting new matter.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 33 recites "The cDNA pHF1" in line 1. However, the specification, on page 20, defines "pHF1" as a plasmid containing clone HF1. Claims 22 and 25 also recite plasmid "pHF1" and "PHF1", respectively. As pHF1 is defined and referred to as a plasmid everywhere but in claim 33, it is unclear what cDNA is actually intended in claim 33, therefore claim 33 is indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 4-6, 22, 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by WILLIAMS et al. (US 6,372,438, filed 2/2/1988).

WILLIAMS teaches a protein of SEQ ID NO: 2, which is 100% identical to instant SEQ ID NO: 1, the deduced amino acid sequence shown in Figure 3, and thus anticipates claims 34-36. WILLIAMS also teaches SEQ ID NO: 1, which is 74.5% identical to instant SEQ ID NO: 2, the nucleotide sequence disclosed in Figure 3. WILLIAMS' SEQ ID NO: 1 would be expected to hybridize under stringent conditions to instant SEQ ID NO: 2, therefore claims 22, and 25-32 are anticipated. WILLIAMS teaches that his nucleotides may be cloned into expression vectors and that his polypeptides may be expressed in cells, and isolated (col. 2, lines 32-67), therefore claims 4-6 are also anticipated.

Claims 4-6, 22, 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by SLEDZIEWSKI et al. (US 5,567,584, filed 1/22/1988).

SLEDZIEWSKI teaches a protein of SEQ ID NO: 36, which is identical to instant SEQ ID NO: 1, thus anticipating claims 34-36. SLEDZIEWSKI also teaches a nucleotide sequence encoding his SEQ ID NO: 36, and teaches various portions of his amino acid sequence (Figures 11A and 1b and column 10, lines 26-40), thus anticipating claims 22 and 25-32. SLEDZIEWSKI further teaches that nucleotides may be

transformed into vectors and expressed in cells (col's 8-10), thereby anticipating claims 4-6.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marjorie A. Moran whose telephone number is (571) 272-0720. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 6 am-2:30 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571)272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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